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The Blackduck District Ranger is proposing to allow the Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club from Northome to improve portions of an abandoned railroad grade on the forest to use as a snowmobile trail. The areas proposed are National Forest system lands located in Section 3 of T149N-R27W and Section 26 of T150N-R27W. The areas will need to be cleared of any existing trees and groomed to provide part of a connection from the Bowstring Snowmobile Trail to the Caldwell Brook Snowmobile Trail.

We would appreciate all comments by January 31, 2011. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

If you have comments on this proposal, please contact Patti Hines at 218-835-3113 or write to Chippewa National Forest, Blackduck Ranger District, 417 Forestry Drive, Blackduck, MN 56630 or call (218) 835-4291 or FAX: (218) 835-3132. The Scoping Letter is posted on our website at: "<http://fs.usda.gov/chippewa>" under "Land and Resource Management".

Sincerely,

GREGORY W. MORRIS  
Blackduck District Ranger

